



The slopes give a measure of the attenuation factor  $\alpha$  (equal to the number of oscillations for the decaying harmonic wave to fall to  $100/\exp \pi = 4.3\%$  of its initial value). The curves indicate a  $\alpha$  of between 2000 and 4000, with the lower values preferred because of the possible contamination by A3. This value is not inconsistent with observations of the Mount St. Helens air waves by Knopoff (personal communication, 1980). These observations were based on an ultra-long-period seismograph at UCLA that recorded the A1 wave but only marginally the A2 train.

More detailed investigation of the present records and source properties requires a correlation between barogram and worldwide teleseism [Ritsema, 1980]. The present records are available to investigators for this purpose.

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### An Extraordinary SAR Arc Event

For at least the last 12 hours of March 6, 1981 (UT), the nightside earth was encompassed by an extraordinary example of a Steble Aurora Red (SAR) arc (see figure); one of the more intense of the last several years. Initial analyses of data received from several ground stations indicate 6300-Å (O'Dell) emission intensity of 2 to 2.5 K.R, which remained rather constant throughout a major portion of the local evening and morning sectors. Interestingly, the arc dimmed significantly prior to morning twilight, perhaps as a result of reduced energy input or the diurnal variation of thermospheric composition. Simultaneous measurements

from various latitudes yielded estimates of altitude of maximum emission and location which are 400–500 km and  $\pm 2.8^\circ$ , respectively.

Of particular note in this event was the extremely pronounced separation from the more northerly auroral precipitation seen in the Figure, a separation in excess of 4 L-shells.

Those interested are urged to contact the Space Sciences Section, Battelle, Pacific Northwest Laboratory, P.O. Box 999, Richland, WA 99352 (telephones 509/376-7301).

This news item was contributed by Donald W. Slater and Edward W. Klecker of Battelle's Pacific Northwest Laboratory.

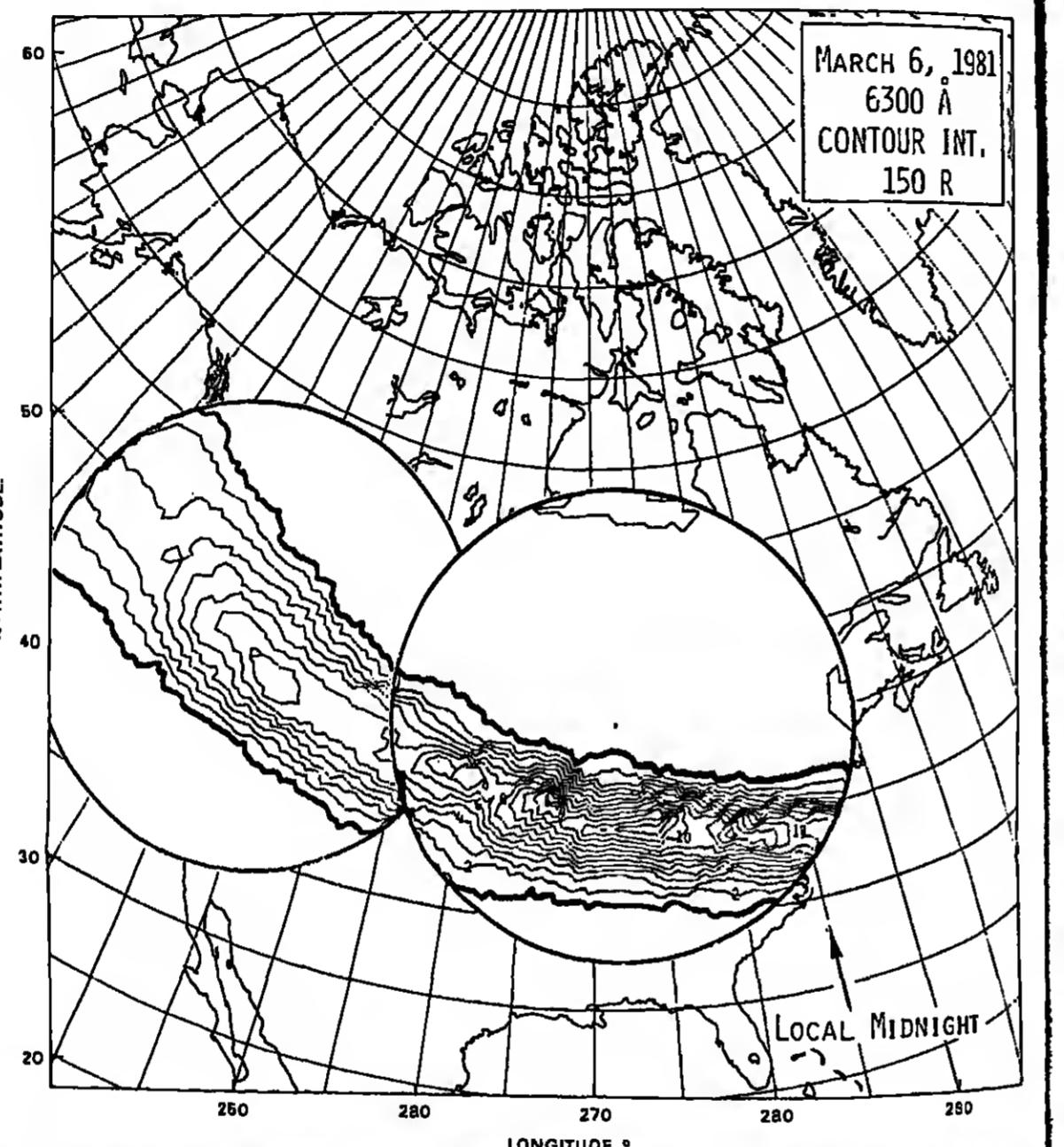


Fig. 1. Contour plots of 6300-Å emission during March 6, 1981 SAR arc event (0500 UT). Arc is depicted as occurring at 425 km; contour interval is 150 Rayleighs. Circles of observational coverage are centered at the photometer sites in the states of Washington and Michigan. Note that local midnight is located at 265°E longitude.  $\odot$

### Crustal Deformation Observatory

Under the joint direction of the University of California at Los Angeles and San Diego, the Crustal Deformation Observatory project at Piney Flat, California, has completed its first year. The overall aim of this project, sponsored by the U.S. Geological Survey, is to evaluate and improve instrumentation for measuring long-period (days to years) crustal deformation in a tectonically active area. This research is being conducted at Piney Flat Observatory by operating an array of differing instruments, each capable of resolving the signals generated by stresses associated with the San Jacinto and San Andreas fault zone. At this time there are 11 institutions involved, some on an informal basis, utilizing techniques ranging from NASA's projected ARIES to Carnegie Institute's deep borehole strainmeters. Particular emphasis has been placed on establishing the coherence between different methods of long-baseline (500 m) tilt measurements. Other investigators are welcome to participate in studies at the observatory. For more information, please contact D. Jackson (UCLA) or F. Wyatt (UCSD).

This news item was contributed by Frank Wyatt of the Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics at the University of California in San Diego.  $\odot$

### Geophysical Events

This is a summary of the *SEAN Bulletin*, 6(4), April 30, 1981, a publication of the Smithsonian Institution. The complete bulletin is available in the microfiche edition of *Eos*, as a microfiche supplement, or a paper reprint. For the microfiche, order document number E81-001 at \$1.00 from AGU, 2000 Florida Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009. For reprints order *Sean Bulletin* (give date and volume number) through AGU. Separates \$3.50 for the first copy for those who do not have a deposit account; \$2 for

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#### Volcanic Events

Alaid (Kurile Is.): Strong explosive eruption; ashfall to more than 1000 km.

Pagan (Mariana Is.): Large tephra cloud; lava flows; 53 evacuated.

Mt. St. Helens (Washington): Steam and ash emission; more data on dome extrusion.

Piton de la Fournaise (Reunion Is.): Lava flows, bombs, and ash from fissure venta.

Hekla (Iceland): Slow inflation continues.

Bulusan (Philippines): Ash ejection and seismicity.

Sakurajima (Japan): Fewer explosions.

Terumal (Japan): Minor ash emission during February aseismic peak.

Langila (New Britain): Dark ash clouds and glow.

Manam (Bismarck Sea): Ash and incandescent lava flows.

Alaid Volcano, Northern Kurile Islands, USSR (50°45'N, 155°50'E). All times are local (GMT + 11 h). Soviet volcanologists reported that an explosive summit eruption at Alaid, located on uninhabited Atelave Island in the Kurile group, began after midday on April 27 and intensified the next day. Much of the information on the eruption came from both U.S. and Soviet sources, i.e. from analysis of satellite imagery. Clouds prevented satellite observations until about 0715 on the 28th when infrared imagery from the NOAA 6 satellite revealed a distinct V-shaped eruption plume, polar orbiter revealed a distinct V-shaped eruption plume that extended NE from the volcano for a short distance before disappearing in heavy weather clouds. An infrared image returned from the Japanese geostationary weather satellite at 1100 showed a similar pattern. Microbarographs at Kushiro Weather Observatory (about 1250 km SW of Alaid's last eruption, in 1972, produced large tephra

clouds and lava flows that reached the sea from NW flank vents. Its last summit eruption was in 1894.

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Mt. St. Helens Volcano, Cascades Range, Southern

Washington, USA (46.20°N, 122.18°W). All times are local (GMT – 8 h through April 25 end GMT – 7 h thereafter).

Although deformation measurements showed that the magma rose through a conduit beneath the central collapse pit of the preexisting dome, the April lava emerged from a vent somewhat N of the central pit, covered roughly the N quarter of the older material, and extended about 160 m NW from its previous margin. After the April event, the dome had a volume of about  $15 \times 10^9 \text{ m}^3$ , maximum and minimum lateral dimensions of 630 m (NNW–SSW) and 310 m (E–W), and a maximum height above the crater floor of 110 m. A substantial but uncertain amount of uplift of the entire crater floor was associated with the April extrusion, and some points on the crater floor spread away from the dome as much as 1.5 m, with most of the movement occurring during extrusion. One radial fissure exhibited about 55 cm of strike-slip movement during the episode. As of May 5, only a few mm of additional deformation had taken place within the crater. No net deformation of the volcano as a whole has been associated with any of the extension episodes.

In the weeks following the April extrusion, characteristic low-level seismicity was recorded that could sometimes be correlated with witnessed bursts of steam emission. Simultaneous seismicity and ejection of steam containing a little ash occurred on April 13 at 0842; April 14 at 0950, 0953, and 1021; April 17 at 0956; and April 24 at 1016. Seismicity accompanied ejection of plumes of steam (without ash) on April 25 at 0921 and April 26 at 0621. A small amount of ash fell about 50 km SE of Mt. St. Helens on May 6 between 1500 and 1530 may have been ejected during a period of strike-slip movement during the episode. As of May 5, only a few mm of additional deformation had taken place within the crater. No net deformation of the volcano as a whole has been associated with any of the extension episodes.

Significant ashfall were reported over a wide area. Soviet volcanologists reported that the ash, a pyroxene olivine basalt, fell as much as 1000 km from the volcano, over an area of 150,000 km<sup>2</sup>. They noted an accumulation of 30 cm of ash 7 km from Alaid, and Tass reported that 20–25 cm fell on the town of Severokurilsk (45 km ESE of the volcano), where residents heard roaring noises and saw a glow from the volcano during the night. Schools were closed in Severokurilsk, and radio communication was disrupted. Ash mixed with wet snow fell on Petropavlovsk (300 km NE of the volcano) and other inhabited areas on the Kamchatka Peninsula. In the Aleutians, ashfall began April 28 on Shemya (about 1200 km ENE of Alaid) and lasted all day April 30 and May 1 when roughly 2 mm of ash were measured in very windy weather. Li Becker observed intermittent ashfalls and periods of acid rain between May 2 and 5, always within 1½ hours after low ocean tide. Ash collected at Shemya was sent to the NASA Ames Research Center. Daily precipitation sampling from Adak Island (850 km E of Shemya and 1900 km from Alaid) May 1–7 yielded only a trace of ash, on the 4th.

Tass reported that volcanic gases overflow the volcano

April 29 and observed an ash column that rose to about 10 km altitude from the summer crater. Soviet volcanologists later reported a maximum eruption cloud height of 12 km during the activity, based on overflights and analysis of satellite imagery.

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2–4. No additional activity was observed on satellite imagery until May 6 at 2300, when the Japanese weather satellite recorded a new eruption column starting to emerge

from Alaid. Careful examination of earlier imagery from other satellites indicated that the renewed activity may have started as early as 1930. By May 9 at 0300, a dense plume

extended more than 120 km to the ESE. This plume remained shorter and much narrower than the late April

clouds, reaching a maximum length of about 400 km to the ESE of the volcano. Imagery from the Japanese weather station continued to show strong feeding of the cloud at 1100, but the eruption seemed to be weakening by 1400 and had apparently ended by the time of the next available image at 2000.

Attempts to observe and sample the Alaid ejecta farther

downwind continue. During the night of May 6–7, LIDAR

(laser radar) operated by SRI International near San Francisco, California, detected the distinct layers of material at 11.9 and 12.8 km altitude, just below the tropopause.

However, it was not possible to confirm that this material

was of volcanic origin.

A preliminary search for strong seismicity associated with the eruption yielded only a single shallow magnitude 6.0

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M. Dryer and E. Tandberg-Hanssen (Eds.), D. Reidel, Dordrecht, Holland, xix + 558 pp., 1980, \$65.00.

Reviewed by Kenneth H. Schatten

**Solar and Interplanetary Dynamics**, IAU Symposium 91, is a volume consisting of invited reviews and contributed research papers. The symposium, held during August 1979 in Cambridge, Massachusetts, was truly an international affair with more than half of the 133 participants traveling to the conference from overseas. They represented 23 countries. The book is intended for research scientists and advanced graduate students.

The book contains a preface, list of participants, the scientific papers presented at the conference (including valuable discussion), and, surprisingly, an index. The scientific papers are divided into eight sections: the life history of coronal streamers and fields, coronal and interplanetary medium with several spectrograms and differing locations. It sometimes is possible to ascertain streamers' three-dimensional structures. In section 7, on future directions, Williams outlined the OPEN program to study the earth's nearby space plasmas. Bohlin and Chipman outline NASA-proposed programs for studying the sun and heliosphere until 1995. These include SMM, solar polar, solar optical telescope, the Solar Cycle and Dynamics program, an advanced solar observatory, and the solar probe. Porsche et al. present an interesting German proposal to sound the solar corona.

Kuperus presents a review by raising questions pertinent to the meeting that he feels have been answered. One is the question of whether interplanetary sector boundaries extend into the photosphere. He states that it appears difficult to trace them back to the photosphere. On the question of magnetic structure, the potential field appears reasonable, yet the more general force-free field may not be an equilibrium solution. He points out the extensive work on coronal transients and summarizes the remainder of the meeting.

Dryer and Tandberg-Hanssen have done much to make the volume useful to researchers by providing a discussion section after each paper and an index to the entire volume.

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**Geodesy, 4th Ed.**

G. Bomford, Clarendon, Oxford, xii + 855, 1980, £49.00.

Reviewed by Richard H. Repp

In 1952, the first edition of this book was published. Later editions were published in 1962 and 1971. The current fourth edition has a publication date of 1980 and represents approximately 10 years interval between the editions. Although dated 1980, the book was completed in December 1978 and includes references through 1977 or 1978.

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In preparing the new edition, Bomford revised much of the previous edition. The revisions range from minor changes in wording or the introduction of new constants to rearranging the order of material and to a substantial revision of the chapter dealing with artificial satellites. In many

sections, however, no discussion is made of general trilateration theory or techniques for computing the gravity vector in space. The application of least squares collocation techniques to problems of gravity is not discussed, although the concept of collocation is introduced in an appendix. The earth tide section is brief and is not substantially changed from the previous edition.

The final chapter, 'Artificial Satellites,' is perhaps the most extensively revised chapter from the previous edition. Observation techniques, data corrections, data processing, and the results are discussed. A lengthy discussion is devoted to satellite photographic techniques that for most applications today are of minor importance. New information has been added concerning lunar levers, VLBI, and satellite alimetry.

The book also has 10 appendices on topics not covered in detail in the chapters. These topics include a discussion of the geometry of the spheroid, matrix algebra, Cartesian coordinates in three dimensions, theory of errors, vector algebra, complex numbers and conformal mapping, modulated waves and tellurion ground swing, spherical harmonics, rotating axes, Coriolis force, and gravity reduction tables. These appendices are the same as in the previous edition. However, the section on theory of errors has been enlarged by the addition of sections on Interpolation by least squares and collocation.

This book encompasses many different aspects of geodesy. It is by far the most comprehensive book of which I am aware that attempts to cover the whole subject matter. In some cases, if one needs great detail, you might consult an up-to-date book in the specific subject area. When such a

book does not exist, Bomford's *Geodesy* provides an excellent alternative.

I have felt comfortable in consulting Bomford's *Geodesy* to find initial information and references on topics of specific interest. The book is a combination of a handbook (mostly) and a text book (partly). In some cases the reader is just given various equations (and their references) without proof. On the other hand, some detailed derivations are given. The new edition is some evolutionary change from the prior edition. Unfortunately, the price change is significant, which may put the book outside the use of many readers, especially students.

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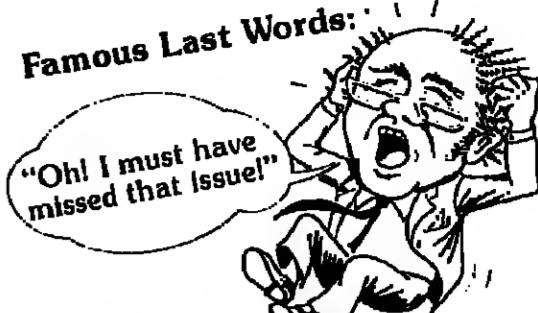
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**Mechanism of Graben Formation**, J. H. Illies (Ed.), Elsevier, New York, viii + 286 pp., 1981, \$65.75.

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